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The Honorable Terrance R. Duncan
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
North Wing, Room 318, Church Street
Salinas, Ca 93901

RE: Comments & Reports on Grand Jury Recommendations

Honorable Judge Duncan:

The Board of Directors of the Castroville Water District disagrees with the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury and will not be implementing fluoridation of the water system. Our board believes that fluoridation it is not warranted or reasonable for the following reasons:

1. Fluoridation of systems with less than 10,000 service connections is not mandated by state law.
2. There has been no request from any of our customers to implement fluoridation.
3. Our mission is to provide safe, affordable drinking water and there is no requirement or expectation that it be medicated.
4. The significant financial burden on the district, our rate payers who are the citizens of Castroville, would not be justified.
5. While fluoridation is known to produce a marked improvement in dental health, it is also suspected in brittle bones, thyroid disorders, arthritis, and skeletal fluorosis.

In conclusion, the Castroville Water District submits its response to the Grand Jury Report and disagrees with the findings. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Tynan
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Castroville Water District